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Applicants: Walter Winkler

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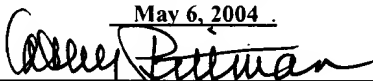
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on January 6, 2004, the statutorily shortened response deadline for which ended on April 6, 2004. An accompanying Petition requests a one-month extension of this deadline to May 6, 2004.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the pending claims in light of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.